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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,111	68%	2,235	33%
Analyzed SAKs	1,919	32%	4,488	67%
Total SAKs	6,030	100%	6,723	100%

Since beginning this project, an additional 693 Pre-11/01/2008 SAKs have been received from outside agencies and have been added to the backlog for an initial total of 4,804 unanalyzed SAKs. As of June 24, 2010, a total of 4,197 untested SAKs (87 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of June, a total of 170 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	1,525	59%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,044	41%
Total Results Received	2,569	100%

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Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	107	7%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	509	33%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	413	27%
Uploaded to CODIS	496	33%
Total Positive Biological Material Screen	1,525	100%

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the ten current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through June 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
September	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	\$337,694
October	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	\$234,494
November	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	\$189,673
December	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	\$170,205
January	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	\$160,528
February	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	\$60,279
March	\$57,241	\$199,003	\$0	\$32,837	\$289,081
April	\$0	\$260,172	\$0	\$0	\$260,172
May	\$0	\$304,989	\$0	\$0	\$304,989
June	\$0	\$135,274	\$619	\$0	\$135,893
Totals	\$143,008	\$1,832,886	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$2,143,008

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. Two individuals have begun employment as criminalists and the other selections are undergoing background investigations. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. For the month of June 2010, a total of 20 SAKs were outsourced to the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 658 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	138	51	189
Pending Assignment	24	445	469
Total	162	496	658

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 199 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 199 cases, 146 are currently under investigation. Fifty-three cases are closed: 7 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 1 Non-Detained petition (minor subject) was filed, 32 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 11 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. One case was referred to another law enforcement agency.

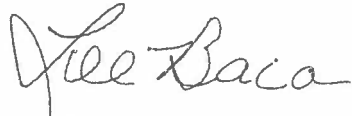
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Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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